

Proposed 2011 State Plan Goals

The governing board of the DHS Division of State Services for the Blind (DSB) is seeking comment via public forum on proposed goals (listed below) for the FY 2011 State Plan. The Board is also actively soliciting input from consumers, stakeholders, professionals and other interested parties regarding the rehabilitation service needs of persons who are blind or severely visually impaired within the state of Arkansas. This Comprehensive Statewide Needs Assessment is focused upon discovering the array of job-related services needed by persons with significant vision problems, particularly individuals who experience additional significant disabilities, those from minority populations and those in predominantly rural areas of the state. The final state plan will reflect response to the current needs assessment and feedback from the public forum. Written comments may be submitted at any time, but must be postmarked or e-mailed to the following addresses by May 29, 2010.

By mail, postmarked on or before 5/29/2010:

DSB State Plan 2011
Arkansas Division of Services for the Blind
P.O. Box 3237
Little Rock, Arkansas 72203

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2011 Goals for the Use and Distribution of Vocational Rehabilitation Funding:

- Goal #1: DSB will increase the employment opportunities for people who are blind or severely visually impaired.
- Goal #2: DSB will increase its services to transition students.
- Goal #3: DSB will continue to reach out to minorities and stakeholders.

2011 Goals for the Use and Distribution of Supported Employment Funding:

- Goal #1: Increase the number of Supported Employment (SE) Providers to better serve DSB consumers.
- Goal #2: Address the lack of knowledge and training that SE Providers have in the provision of SE Services and placement for individuals who are blind or severely visually impaired.

Questions may be addressed to Donna Walker, Statewide Field Administrator (501) 682-0326.